

HYDROELECTRIC POWER, SUBJECT

Discussion at Kiwanis Club
Brings Out Many Differ-
ent Opinions.

Divergent opinions as to the possibility of developing power at Elephant Butte dam for El Paso valley were expressed by speakers at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club Friday noon at the Modern cafe. L. M. Lawson, project manager of the reclama-

tion service, doubted that power could be developed at a profit; J. A. Smith, president of the El Paso Valley Water Users association, said his organization would back the movement, but it was not its judgment that it was feasible now; while Prof. J. W. Kinn said no engineering problem is impossible, and G. P. Putnam said

In opening the meeting, Mr. Fournier, chairman of the day, said the occasion was "power day" and the topic to be discussed was one of most vital importance to the El Paso valley.

Dam's Power About 30,000 H. P.
 "We are perhaps a little more enthusiastic about the possibilities of the dam than we ought to be," said Mr. Lawson. "The general impression is that it could develop between 50,000 and 75,000 horsepower, with its big

drop. But with the efficiency of electrical machinery, there would be a 50 percent decrease, and this would make the dam's power about 39,900 horsepower at its best. We must remember that the dam was built for irrigation and not power purposes. The amount of water released depends on the number of acres to be

Holes Built In Anticipation.
"Fortunately, however, there are possibilities at the dam. The government, realizing that some day there might be a demand for the power that could be supplied at a profit, built six holes that need only connecting with

electrical machinery. Some years ago, the matter was investigated and it was found that to create the power and transmit it to El Paso would be a losing proposition.

Doubts Action at Present.

"Even now, it is questionable whether it would be profitable, unless

coal prices go very high. We have instructed our engineering department to investigate what it would cost to produce power at this time."

Mr. Lawson closed with the statement that in some projects power is being developed, notably Roosevelt dam, from which \$300,000 worth per-

year is said. However, there is no hope of the government financing a project for power at Elephant Butte dam at present, he said.

Kidd Is Conservationist.

Prof. Kidd, next speaker, said he had to disagree with Mr. Lawren, and that "absolutely nothing in engineer-

ing is impossible. He said he favored the power from the dam, even if it cost as much as power from coal, because he was a conservationist and believed in saving coal. "You know, the government asks us to save everything, but I notice at Fort Hill that the government wastes more than anyone else."

Prof. Kidd told how, some years ago power was developed in the Hudson river and transmitted 25 miles at a cost of nine-tenths of a cent per kilowatt.

water users some years ago and the same conclusions expressed by Mr. Lawson were theirs. "When we figured it down, even at the low cost of copper and machinery then prevailing," he said, "the figures showed it would be a loss to attempt the power project then. We did find that we might sell power for the mines at

Gives Power Costs Here.
 "Now you will remember that we have been fighting with Colorado for years and are fighting yet. If we attempt to use more water for power than we would use for mere irrigation, they might cut off all our water." A. J. ...

Advocates More Irrigation.
"Eventually we will be able to use the dam more thoroughly," continued Mr. Smith, "but it will be some time."

thing that will mean more to El Paso than cheaper power. We will be able, and the government would back us, to use it to pump water up to our - ~~land~~ - ^{land}, which would become the finest fruit lands in the world. The water users, however, will stand behind you in the movement for cheaper power.

Binford Talks For Power.
The last speaker heard from was O. J. Binford, of the Southwestern cement plant, a big consumer of power. "The power situation now is similar to a silver mine," he said.

Five years ago reports on mines now prospering would have been unfavorable. So, with coal prices soaring, our estimates of the water power proposals must be revised. As to the increased cost of power, our bill was about \$100,000 a year up to three months ago, but it has mounted so

rapidly that if it continues, our yearly bill will be \$200,000. Five years ago, a power plant at the dam would have been profitable. Today it may be different. What we sold we could pay five years ago is much less than we might pay today. In conclusion, El Paso has little to offer manufacturers.

unless we can secure stable and reasonable power. We do not have that with coal and oil."

Tells Of El Paso's Needs.

In closing the meeting, Mr. Putnam said El Paso would never come into her own until it develops a firm business relation with Mexico, the valley

lands are under cultivation and the power problem is solved. Regarding the second condition, he said he thought it a shame that "most of our flour comes from places 500 to 1500 miles distant, while we do not produce but a fraction of the butter we consume, and we import tremendous

quantities of fruit from California."

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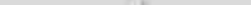
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